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Empowering children, young adults, and families to experience the transforming love of Christ through evidence-based care and holistic services.



Historic Hardin Hall Turns 100





Kitwana McTyer
President & CEO

Residing Hope was established in 1908 as the Florida Methodist Orphanage. With that much history, we're certain to have historic buildings on our Enterprise campus. And of course, historic buildings require maintenance and periodic renovation. The oldest building here was constructed in 1923 and renovated a few years ago. It currently provides space for the campus library, computer labs, and offices for our education staff. As we wrap up the renovations on cottages on our Enterprise campus, we are turning our attention to historic Hardin Hall, which was constructed in 1926. As this stately building turns 100 years old this year, we want to ensure that we can restore its luster and position it for the future as we address the required needs to bring it up modern day standards.

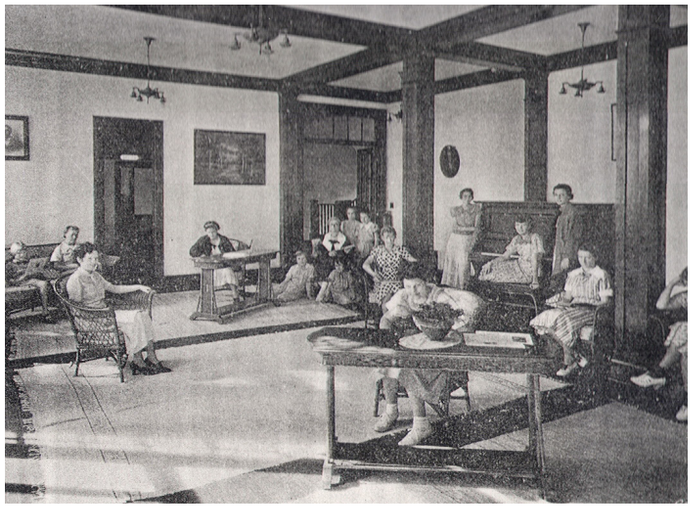
In 1926, Hardin Hall was constructed to serve as a dormitory for girls. The original building included 30 beds, a dining hall for the campus capable of seating 150, the campus kitchen, two study halls, staff rooms and administrative offices. The total cost of the building was $53,466. It was noted in the Florida Annual Conference report after the building was completed that the campus had five buildings. The report also listed other accomplishments for the year: "the dairy stock has been materially increased, a fine pair of mules donated to us, table vegetables and other farm products have multiplied a hundred-fold. On the whole, the Orphanage is in the best general condition in its history." Times have certainly changed!

Since then, the building has been repurposed multiple times. Currently, it houses administrative offices for much of the leadership at Residing Hope, as well as meeting and training rooms. Some updates have been done to Hardin Hall over the years, but nothing in nearly thirty years. As a result, there are numerous issues of safety and functionality that we need to address. With the necessary renovations to the residential cottages on campus nearing completion, we are in the final stages of the planning process for the renovations of Hardin Hall.

Facing page:
Top: *Hardin Hall under construction in 1926*
Bottom: *Hardin Hall today*



Campus dining room, 1950



Hardin Hall lobby, 1936

If you are interested in supporting the renovation of this historic building, contact:

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A *Word* from Foster Care

Cedric Davis

Vice President, Foster Care

Because of your faithful support, Residing Hope continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of children and families throughout Florida. Our Foster Care department remains committed to recruiting, training, and the supporting high-quality foster families we serve children in Volusia, Flagler, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. The need for loving, committed foster families continues to grow, and we are actively partnering with churches and community organizations to raise awareness about the urgent need for foster parents. Through speaking engagements, informational displays, community events, and outreach opportunities, we are connecting with individuals and families who may be called to provide safe, nurturing homes for children in foster care. Together, our church and community partners play a vital role in helping us identify, recruit, and support foster families while building a stronger network of care for children in need.

Over the past year, we have had the privilege of serving 115 children and youth through our Foster Care department, including welcoming 60 children into foster care. We are especially grateful to celebrate eight adoptions. These, foster parents opened not only their homes but also their hearts by providing children with the security and love of forever families. These stories remind us that hope and healing are possible because of compassionate people like you. In March 2026, following the closure of a child-placing agency serving Volusia and Flagler counties, 19 licensed foster families chose to transfer their licenses to Residing Hope. We are honored that these families selected our ministry as their licensing agency and are grateful for the opportunity to support them as they continue providing safe, loving homes for children in foster care.

During the summer, we were excited to host our annual Foster Family Camp Retreat for foster parents and the children in their care. This special retreat provided families with an opportunity to step away from the demands of everyday life and spend meaningful time together. Throughout the weekend, families enjoyed fellowship, recreational activities, worship, and time to rest and reconnect. Foster parents also received valuable training and encouragement, while children built friendships, created positive memories, and experienced the joy of simply being children in a safe and supportive environment.

We ask that you join us in praying for our foster families as they continue the important work of caring for children who have experienced difficult circumstances. Please also pray for our foster children and youth as they start a new school year. Please also pray that they will experience continued healing from past trauma, develop healthy friendships, gain confidence in the classroom, and discover their God-given gifts and potential.

Thank you for standing alongside Residing Hope. Your generosity, prayers, and partnership make it possible for children to experience hope, healing, and the opportunity for a brighter future. Together, we are strengthening families, restoring hope, and helping children discover the love, stability, and belonging every child deserves.

If you're interested in having a member of our Foster Care team speak at your church, group meeting, or other event, please contact Cedric Davis at 813.240.9980, or Cedric.Davis@ResidingHope.org.

Estate Planning Made Easy

In a nutshell, estate planning is really nothing more than a plan of what you want done with what you own when you are gone. The good news is that you can provide for the people and causes important to you by taking simple steps now. Creating your plan for the future can be easy and even enjoyable. While an attorney should always draft your will, we can help demystify the process and prepare you for meeting with your attorney with these simple steps:

1. Itemize Your Assets

Take a piece of paper and draw a line down the middle. On the left side, write something you own. On the right side, write the name or names of the person(s) you wish to receive that item or asset.

2. Organize Your Estate

Make the process of organizing your estate plans even easier by downloading our free wills guide. This fill-in-the-blank guide walks you through the process of gathering information about what you own, your family, and your goals. Or, call us and request a copy.

3. Write Down Questions

Consider practical questions, such as, "If I give my house to my adult son and my adult daughter, what will they do with it?" If you come up with a question that you can't seem to find a solution for, make a note to ask your attorney.

4. Review Your Plans for Family

You can give some assets to family right away and others over time. Ask us how you can provide an income stream or a lump sum to a loved one in order to achieve your personal and inheritance goals.

5. Consider Charity

Remember to include any charities that are important to you. If you have given during life, then consider providing for these organizations through your estate. Ask us about plans like charitable remainder trusts and gift annuities that can help your family and our mission.

6. Visit Your Attorney

Bring the information you have gathered and questions to your attorney. Your attorney can draft a will or trust that will achieve your goals. You complete the plan through a simple signing process.

7. Update Your Plan

Update your estate plan as your life changes. Marriages, births, and deaths are all events worthy of plan revision consideration.

To download a FREE copy of Planning Your Legacy, an estate planning guide, scan the QR code.

For any additional assistance, contact:

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Making An Impact In 2025



Therapeutic Residential Care

1,015 Number of inquiries for residential care information and referral

85 Number of children served in our Therapeutic Residential Care program

26 Number of young adults served in our Independent Living program

Foster Care

20,612 Total days of foster care provided

116 Number of children served in our Foster Care program

60 Number of children placed in Foster Care

8 Number of children adopted from our Foster Care program

9 Number of new foster homes licensed





Counseling

8,765

Total hours of counseling received by children, young adults and families through Residing Hope Counseling

Childhood Education

210

Number of children served in our Montessori program





Volunteers and Staff Outreach

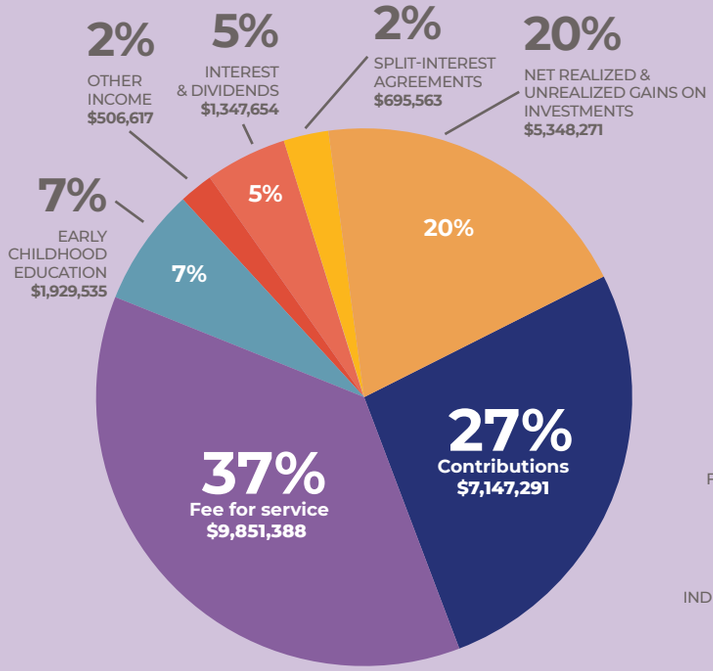
1,121 Number of volunteers

9,257 Total volunteer hours

1,160 Total hours provided by Residing Hope staff through community volunteering and outreach

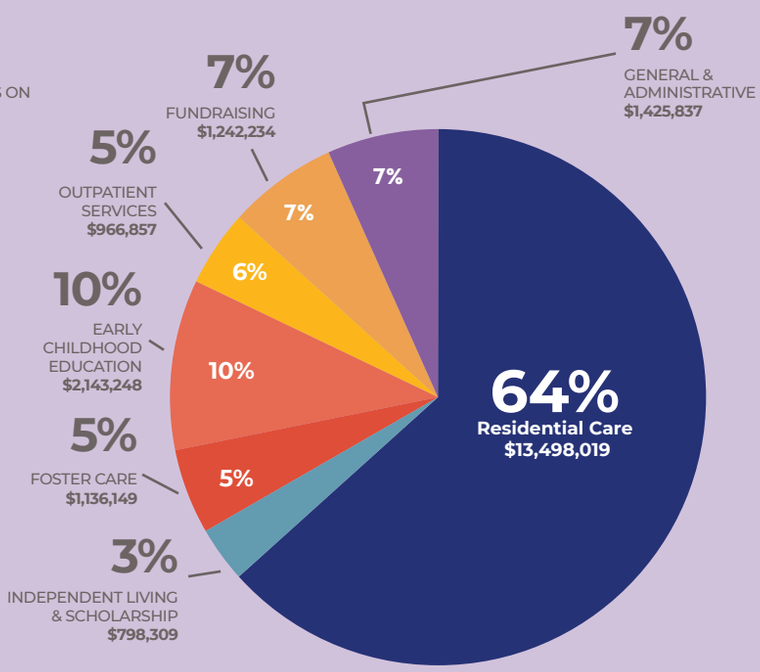
Total Revenues & Support

$26,826,319



Total Expenses

$21,210,653



CHANGE IN NET ASSETS $5,615,666*

*REVENUES IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES ARE A RESULT OF UNREALIZED GAINS ON ANNUITIES, ENDOWMENTS, AND TRUSTS. AS SUCH, THESE UNREALIZED GAINS ARE NOT CONSIDERED CASH CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FOR OPERATIONS.

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